

Dear FCC,

It has come to my attention that Sinclair Broadcasting's has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, without offering a counterpoint piece or substantiating claims made in the documentary with facts. (Our local affiliate is KOVR, CBS 13 in West Sacramento, CA) This sort of biased programming is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

At the very least, Sinclair should offer to air the counterpoint documentary of Going Upriver, what I believe to be the truth about Senator Kerry's time in Vietnam. IF they don't I join the call to pull Sinclair's broadcasting licensees from all stations that show this bias.

Thank you.

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